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Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") bursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Copies of the citations are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Each reference cited in this IDS was previously cited in a patent application related to the present application, namely Application Serial Nos. 09/306,651 and 08/969,326.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action in the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is deemed becessary. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the enclosed references of record in the subject application. Early and favorable action in connection with this matter is earnestly solicited.

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